

CTCA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 4:30 PM
In person & Zoom Meeting
Mystic Marriott Hotel – Room 5

ATTENDANCE

In Person: Kate Wall, President; Patty Spruance, First Vice President; Katie Haring, Assistant Secretary; Antoinette Pancaro, Treasurer; Marc Garofalo, New Haven County VP; Gayle Furman, New London County VP; Lori Tollmann, Tolland County VP; Cheryl Grist, Windham County VP; Kim Garvis, Middlesex County VP; Anna Posniak, Immediate Past President & Legislative Committee Co-Chair

Via Zoom: Lisa Dalton, Second Vice President; JoAnn Doyle, Assistant Treasurer; Lisa Bergh, Fairfield County VP; Bonnie Armstrong, Hartford County VP

Absent: Kelly Bilodeau, Secretary; Carol Anderson, Litchfield County VP

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM by President Wall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Wall asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 22, 2021.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Marc Garofalo; seconded by Patty Spruance.

11 favor – 2 Abstain Kim Garvis & Bonnie Armstrong – Motion Passed.

President Wall asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 10, 2022.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Katie Haring; seconded by Antoinette Pancaro.

12 favor – 1 Abstain Kim Garvis – Motion Passed.

President Wall asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 30, 2022.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Kim Garvis; seconded by Katie Haring.

12 favor – 1 Abstain Cheryl Grist – Motion Passed.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Anna Posniak, Legislative Committee Co-Chair presented the legislation update and discussed in detail the pending 52 bills the CTCA has been tracking. PA 2-22 has passed changing the language on absentee ballot applications for illness and absence from town excuse options.

Other bills discussed included filing campaign forms directly to SEEC, early voting, no excuse absentee ballots, Covid-19 as an excuse for absentee ballots in 2022, dog license processing, changing the deadline for filling vacancies on ballots, remote notarization, remote meetings and other bills.

Questions and discussion followed.

DISCUSSION OF WEBSITE UPDATE

President Wall discussed the research done by the website sub-committee for a refresh of the CTCA website. Currently CTCA uses QScend paying \$1000 annually but with a refresh the price would increase to \$8795 annually. CivicPlus has offered a contract of \$9135.51 for the first year and \$3144.76 for three years thereafter. The CTCA has decided to go with CivicPlus. A vote for the funds to come from the reserve balance will take place at the annual meeting.

DISCUSSION OF LOCATION OF 2023 CONFERENCE

President Wall discussed the two location options for the 2023 CTCA Spring Conference hosted by New Haven County. Options included Omni Hotel in New Haven and Ethan Allen Hotel in Danbury. Price differences and parking options were discussed by President Wall and New Haven VP Marc Garofalo. President Wall asked that VP's survey their counties to see what the more favorable location is before a decision is made.

DISCUSSION OF PROVIDING ZOOM FOR CONFERENCES

President Wall discussed the option for offering Zoom for conferences in the future. Cons of this option would be cost that this option would incur and logistics of running a hybrid conference. Concern of in person conferences being taken away permanently if we offer Zoom was discussed as well as the networking for town clerks that would be lost. Discussion will be continued at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Marc Garofalo; seconded by Kim Garvis.
Meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Katie Haring, CTCA Assistant Secretary